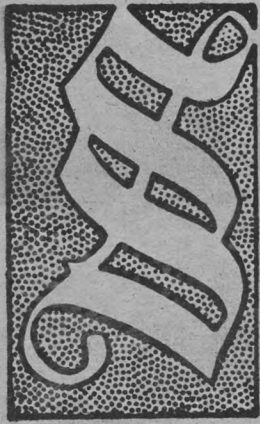
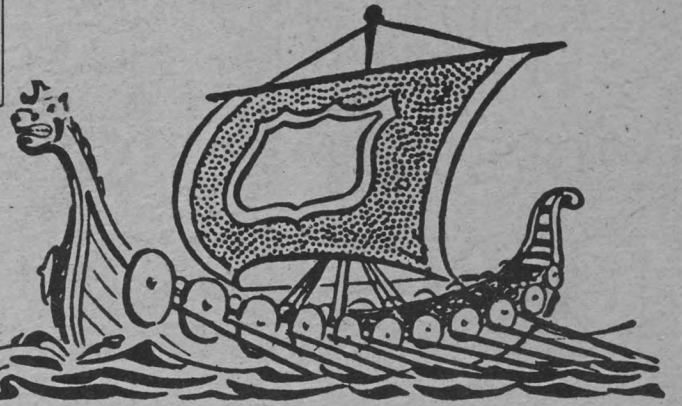


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FINAL DECISION YOURS !

June 15 Deadline

We don't have many in-betweens — what we do have is approximately 6% of our shareholders who want to pay for the cost of a monthly paper, about a dozen who have opted for other solutions — and the rest haven't replied.

So — the final decision is now yours!

The Board has decided that, if enough shareholders wish to subscribe, the paper will be published 10 times a year — once each month with the exceptions of January, which will be combined with the December issue, and August, which will be combined with July.

The subscription cost will be \$5.00 for the year from September to September.

We must handle it this way, because if we have to keep track of subscriptions on a monthly basis it will cost so much that our purpose would be defeated.

JUNE 15 DEADLINE—

We must know by June 15th at the latest how many of our shareholders are going to subscribe. If there are not enough to make it possible to publish the paper in its present format, the

Board will have to look at alternatives.

We therefore urge you to fill out the form on this page and get it in the mail as quickly as possible. Those of you who have so kindly sent a donation in with your questionnaire — please fill in the subscription form and indicate that you have already paid your fee.

In the meantime, the paper will be published for the months of May, June, and July-August. In the July-August issue we will publish the final decision on the fate of this newspaper.



ALBERT ARNASON

Appointed Honourary Consul

On June 28, 1978, President Kristjan Eldjarn of Iceland announced the appointment of Gudmundur Albert Arnason as Honourary Consul of Iceland in Edmonton.

It is an honour richly deserved, as Al is one of the most active members of the Icelandic

Society of Edmonton. His commitment and dedication to all aspects of Canadian-Icelandic relations are well known, both here and in Iceland.

We extend our sincere congratulations and best wishes to Al on his appointment.

Does anyone out there know the whereabouts of AXEL PETER NIKOLAI PEDERSEN — born March 27, 1895, at Stobberut, Løsning Parish, Denmark — or any next-of-kin living in Canada?

If you do, please get in touch with Mr. Jim Secker, Office of the Public Trustee, 200 Chancery Hall, Edmonton, telephone (403) 427-2744, or drop us a line at the Scandinavian Centre News.

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SPLINTERS from the BOARD

The first business meeting of your new Board was a long one, with some time spent on review for the information of new members.

THE CENTRE—

January was a slow month, as it usually is. February is usually a good month, but not this year. Including Scandapades and an ethnic function, there were three cancellations which were made too late to re-book; since expenses do not decrease in any great amount and we had less income for those weekends, the financial statement showed a loss.

A part-time accountant — Mrs. Gudrun Bublitz — was hired after Jackie Lysakowski left us at the end of the year, and she is doing an excellent job.

The new chef, Jens Grøn, has arrived in Edmonton and will be starting work shortly; we welcome him to Canada and to the Scandinavian Centre.

It occurs to us that our shareholders have no idea how our chef-manager spends his weekends. Our kitchen is very small, the ovens are old and not very reliable, and there are only four stove-top burners. Yet he consistently produces delicious food for large numbers of people (as many as 650) with as many as three different menus, on the same evening.

Fridays and Saturdays are long — all day is devoted to preparing and cooking food, then comes a quick change of clothing and overseeing the service, as well as dealing with customers. After all the guests have gone and the dishes are washed, etc., he still has to drive most of the staff members home.

And this, with few exceptions, regularly happens every weekend.

CHARTER FLIGHTS—

Vera Nielsen has the Flights well in hand as usual — phone her at 454-5438 for any information.

HERITAGE DAY—

Beulah Hinton and Gladys Clark will co-ordinate the representation of our five groups in a Scandinavian contribution to this important event.

SCANDAPADES '80—

The Board greatly appreciates Gary Johnson's offer to take on Scandapades '80 — it's a big job! While it is early yet, if you have any ideas please give Gary a call.

INTERGROUP LIAISON—

President Jørgen Windfeldt is in Denmark for three weeks, but on his return Norm Legaarden, Intergroup Liaison Director, will call a meeting of representatives of the five ethnic groups, along with Jørgen Windfeldt and Børge Velling in order to answer questions and clarify Board policy. This is an important area which was neglected during 1978.

THE NEW CENTRE—

A preliminary architect's drawing was the subject of a long discussion. It was, of course, only a beginning, and many suggestions were made as to changes. New drawings are now being made incorporating the suggestions, and there will no doubt be many others yet before the Board is satisfied that it has a plan to offer to the shareholders for their suggestions.

There are, of course, many other important matters to be investigated with regard to building, and it was decided to initially appoint three shareholders for each of three committees — Construction, Finance, and Fund-Raising. The appointments will be made this month and will be announced in next month's paper. If they require help, these committees may wish to appoint sub-committees — so if you have any experience in any of the three areas and are interested in helping, the Board would be very, very happy to hear from you

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A Couple of Misconceptions

The Board is sincerely grateful to every one of you who took the time and trouble to include constructive suggestions with your questionnaires — these are of considerable value to the Directors; your editor also appreciates the many kind remarks which were included.

CLARIFICATION—

We feel, however, that we must clear up a couple of misconceptions and answer some questions which were raised:

With regard to Peter Andersen's figure of \$2.48 per shareholder to reduce our loss to zero — there are not 3,000 shareholders — there are 3,000 shares held.

Many shareholders own more than one share, including, of course, the five ethnic groups. In addition we have many husbands and wives who own a share each, but of course receive only one newspaper. The actual number of papers mailed is approximately 2,200.

We would very much like to publish more articles like *Rogeland Kaffelag*, and *Viking His-*

tory in Canada (and Scandinavia) but this kind of material requires a lot of time for research, and one person just can't do it all. We would very much like to have loads of stories of this kind. We need such contributions from anyone and everyone. We'd like to have the stories of the lives of our pioneer Scandinavians anywhere in Canada — and particularly in Alberta — with any pictures (snapshots) that are available. Can someone suggest how we can get people to send us these?

We repeat — you don't have to be a writer of great merit, and all pictures will be carefully handled and returned.

So please?

As to contracting the paper

out to a printing firm — it is something which we will look at again in the near future, but up to the present time the cost has been prohibitive.

A lot will depend on how many people want to subscribe to the News.

As to a smaller, magazine-type size, we have priced that out, and with the additional pages and the stapling required the cost was actually higher.

The suggestion of handling the paper on the same basis as the West End Examiner, obtaining advertising to pay costs, is a good one in many respects. However, the West End Examiner is simply delivered to every house in a defined area. In our case, our paper is directed towards people of Scandinavian descent, and this would mean making up and maintaining a mailing list.

To do this, then, would mean operating a separate business with at least two full-time employees, but it is something we will have a serious look at.

Nordstjarnan News

The Executive for 1979 is as follows:

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- Master of Ceremonies— Barbara Sjolín
- Assistant Master of Ceremonies— Jeanette Holmlund
- Inner Guard— Oscar Sjolín
- Outer Guard— Brian Shireley
- Culture Leader— Harry Holmlund

The annual Christmas party was held at Lone Ridge Hall on December 9th.

The major entertainment for the evening was a variety show which was greatly enjoyed by young and old.

This was followed by dancing around the Christmas tree. Of course, Santa made his big appearance, which delighted the small-fry in attendance.

A pot-luck supper followed with the usual Christmas goodies.

The youth from Nordstjarnan lodge enjoyed an afternoon of bowling in the Wetaskiwin Bowling Lanes on March 4th. Out of 23 participants the winning team was Teddy Sjolín, Keith Sjogren,

Rodney Holmlund, Lori Van Immerzeal. The boys' high went to Nelson Holmlund; the girls' high went to Denise Holmlund. The low score went to Toni Holmlund.

Nordstjarnan lodge held their annual bonspiel at Usona on January 26th and 27th. Winning the first event was Randy Holmlund with his rink of Barbara Sjolín, Jessie Flinkman and Gilby Havanka. The second event winner was Harry Holmlund with his rink of Bertha Edin, Robert Harden and Jerry Van Immerzeal.

Congratulations to newlyweds Mr. and Mrs. Romeo Ochoa who were married on December 22nd.

A dance and reception was held in the Wetaskiwin Memorial Centre.

Mrs. Ochoa is the former Phyllis Tapio, daughter of Mable and Charles Tapio. Phyllis and Romeo are making their home in Edmonton.

A number of our members have been enjoying southern holidays. Some who have enjoyed basking in the sun are Sherry and Dale Havanka in Hawaii; Lois and Gilby Havanka in Las Vegas; Eleanor and Gus Tabler in California and Mexico.

Carl and Lena Brown attended the 50th Wedding Anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. McLeod in Vancouver. Mac and Myrtle were long-time residents of Falun.

Buford Lodge

by Wanda Markstedt

The Smorgasbord in Calmar sponsored by Buford Lodge No. 577 on April 7th was well attended and enjoyed by all.

Mrs. Mabel Sol was the lucky winner of the raffle prize — a home-made patchwork quilt.

Mrs. Hilda Modin spent a week visiting her sister, Rosella Forsberg, in Edmonton.

Mr. Ronnie Johnson was home for a week with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Johnson, and has now returned to Anzac and his job with Amoco.

On the sick list this month are Mrs. Myrna Valan and Mrs. Dorothy Hanson, both patients at the University Hospital in Edmonton. The members of the Lodge sincerely wish them both a quick and complete recovery.

The Faculty of Agriculture at the University of Alberta

recently won a trophy for donating the most blood per capita over all other faculties. Mr. Kenny Johnson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Johnson of Warburg, was on hand to accept the trophy.

The March meeting of Buford Vasa Lodge was held on the last Thursday of the month.

The two elected delegates to the District Convention in June were Mrs. Pat Lefsrud and Mr. Albin Markstedt.

Mr. Tony Lefsrud brought a report from the Thorsby Homecoming Committee, hoping the Lodge could participate. Plans for making a float were discussed.

Miss Susan Davies of Fort Saskatchewan visited her cousins, the Harry Hanson family, during the school spring break.

Mrs. Annie Bergstrom and Mrs. Wanda Markstedt hosted a miscellaneous shower at the Markstedt home recently in honour of Mrs. Wendy Tsin, younger daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Wickstrom, Thorsby.

Wendy recently became the bride of Mr. Andy Tsin, Edmonton.

JOHN HOLMLUND

Carl John Paul Holmlund was born on the family farm west of Wetaskiwin on April 16, 1910, where he lived until his passing on December 27, 1978. On July 12, 1938, he was united in marriage to Annie Berglin of Millet.

He was afflicted with rheumatoid arthritis at a young age, and it caused him much pain and suffering. He always had a keen sense of humour and was a cheerful humanitarian — a friend and helper to others. John's active mind enjoyed the challenge of invention, bookkeeping and nature.

John enjoyed working with the Vasa Lodge, holding many offices in Nordstjarnan Lodge No. 575, as well as being District Master and Grand Lodge

Deputy.

His community activities included Trinity Lutheran Church, Falun Community League (Falun Fair and History Book), Falun 4-H Club, Falun Mutual Telephone Company, Lone Ridge Hall Board, West Wetaskiwin Gas Co-Op, and West Wetaskiwin REA.

He will be sadly missed by his loving wife, Annie; son, Ronald, of Wetaskiwin; daughters, Mrs. Norman (Jean) Bauer, of Hilda; Mrs. Clyde (Doris) Krause, of Calgary; Mrs. Waldy (Faye) Hugel, of Edmonton; six grandchildren, and a host of friends.

Funeral services were held on December 30, 1978, at Falun Trinity Lutheran Church.

also presented to Bertil Brown and Annie Holmlund.

Deepest sympathy is extended to the Brown families in the loss of a cousin, Herbert Brown.

Congratulations to Waldy and Faye (nee Holmlund) Hugel on the birth of a son on February 28th.

Barbara Broen

A Winner !!

Barbara Broen has taken first in all the Cross-Country Skiing competitions which she entered this year.

In addition to all the events she entered in Edmonton, she won the Alberta Junior Championship at Devon in January and took a trophy at Camrose at the Sons of Norway Winter Games.

She was presented with a J.C. jacket for her contribution to cross-country skiing in Alberta.

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SOLGLYT SPOTLIGHT

by Bob Burt

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- May 23—
General Meeting
Wine & Cheese
- June 15 - 17—
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Lake St. Cyr
- August 6—
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- September 8—
Barbeque and Dance
- September 19—
General Meeting
- October 13—
Leif Erickson Banquet and
Dance
- October 24—
General Meeting
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- November 18—
Lutefisk
- November 21—
General Meeting
- December 7—
Election of Officers
- December 16—
Christmas Party
(Pot Luck Supper)

We should all be pleased with the results of the poll for our paper. It appears we'll have 10 issues a year at a cost of \$5.00, with subscriptions starting from September. There will not be a paper in August, and the Christmas issue will cover December and January.

Members of Solglyt Lodge have not been that active this year. The General Meeting held on Wednesday, March 7th, was very poorly attended. It was at this meeting that five new members

were initiated: we welcome Cathy Kenna, Richard and Maria Haas, and Robert and Audrey Johns.

Olga McBride, Astrid Hope Eleanor Anderson and Orla Tychsen prepared lunch and pastries, which was very much appreciated.

Astrid had a cultural display for all to see. Betty Broen was the caller for the Bingo.

Members should take the time to come out and participate in all club meetings and functions!

The latest Club in the 4th District is *Aspelund No. 571*.

At the first meeting President Vic Patterson and his executive were sworn in. Ninety-eight Scandinavians, 'tried and true' were initiated, and it is expected that at least 172 names will be added to the roster as Charter Members.

Don't forget St. Hans Fest at Lake St. Cyr June 15th and 16th as guests of the Andersons!

Betty Travis is with The Sweet Adelines, a choir entered in competition at Vancouver for Region 12 (taking in Washington, Alaska, B.C., Alberta and Saskatchewan). This Gateway Chapter choir will compete, as well as *The Sounds Familiar* quartet from Edmonton. The large choir placed first in competition last year.

Mrs. Beverly Ball, daughter of Myrle and Betty Travis, moved from London, Ontario, to La Jolla, California, recently. Her sister, Sharon, is visiting there for a month before returning to Edmonton.

Thorbjorn Skistad travels to Vancouver annually to visit his father who is now over 80 years of age. He also keeps in touch with Norway, receiving mail from his sister and other relatives in the Drummond area, and Oslo.

Orla and Sven Tychsen travelled to Vancouver and Victoria March 9 - 17, returning in time for Kon Tiki.

They flew there to renew old

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acquaintances.

Bob and Jan Burt got caught up in all this South Sea Island gallivanting and took off for a Caribbean cruise for the spring break March 23rd to April 1st.

They took in such exotic places as San Juan Puerto Rico, Curacao, Caracas, Trinidad, Martinique and St. Thomas, travelling on the Italian M/S Carla 'C'. It was love, Italian style.

SPRING HAS COME AND SUMMER IS AT HAND — DON'T FORGET SUMMER LANGUAGE CAMP!

This year the Camp will be sponsored by the Calgary Club. Local applicants and district members should make application to Betty Broen; an application form will be appearing soon in the Scandinavian Centre News.

John and Marion Iverson have moved to Abbotsford, B.C. There goes another colourful and active couple from our midst.

It is hoped that new members coming up will be active — we sorely need the participation of all our members — old, new and prospective.

CURLING BIGGEST DRAW

by Bob Burt

Congratulations to members of Ronning Lodge No. 507, Camrose, on your proficiency in hosting the Winter Games this year.

The number of Sons of Norway members participating grows larger each year.

The 'Friendly Games' went off like clockwork. There were 450 people present, and everyone was busy at his or her own sport. With such numbers it is difficult to write up each activity and give it justice.

Calgary Wins Again—

Members came in mass to curl; 34 rinks curled off — 9 from Calgary, 3 from Red Deer, 8 from Grande Prairie, 3 from Claresholm, 6 from Camrose, and 5 from Edmonton.

Competition was keen on the heavy ice. The Calgary Club teams curled with precision, winning the trophy again with the high all-over average of 19.3 points.

Second place went to Grande Prairie with an average of 14.9, followed closely by Camrose with 14.7 points.

The highest score acquired by an individual rink was 25½ points made by the Herb Dippel foursome from Calgary, just half a point more than Grande



Gary and Evelyn Johnson; Dale and Olga McBride



Selma and Ken Domier; Rose and Sevrin Berge



Jan and Bob Burt; Brenda and Al Letendre

Prairie's H. Berg rink which scored 25 points.

And the Bowling Too—

There were 24 teams entered in the bowling competition: Calgary sent 5 teams, Red Deer 1, Camrose 7, Claresholm 5, Edmonton 4, and Grande Prairie 2.

Calgary took the trophy again!

Their impressive scores in 6 games average per player 1176.36 (196 per game).

Second place went to Red Deer with an average of 1161.4 (193 per game).

Third place went to Camrose with 1160.97 (also 193 per game).

In Men's Bowling a high single of 279 and a high triple of 656 were bowled by Mel Thompson of the Camrose Club.

The Ladies' Bowling high

single of 240 and high triple of 643 were bowled by Pamela Giltner of the Edmonton Club.

The Edmonton No. 2 team won the high single game, scoring 1119 points.

Ski For Light Involved—

The weather was perfect for skiing; the setting was also the best in the country.

Ski for Light was featured at this year's Winter Games with over 30 skiers competing — from Edmonton, Calgary, Saskatchewan and Vancouver. It was a great event, and it is hoped that it will become a part of each year's Winter Games. The skiers thoroughly enjoyed the outing, the banquet, and Sons of Norway hospitality.

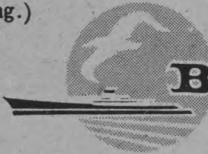
Edmonton won in all the events of the Club competition and walked away with the



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1. Bernice Nyhus, Edmonton
2. Karen Myrtle, Calgary
3. Debbie Walko, Red Deer
4. Gail Peterson, Edmonton

Ladies over 50:

1. Norma Itkonen, Prince George

Edmonton took highest points for team members.

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Barbara Broen	26-03-3
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Men 5 Km — 15 and under

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2. Stein Jannessen, Edmonton
3. Kore Askibit, Edmonton
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Men 16 to 49 years:

1. Kris Nyhus, Edmonton
2. Doug Peterson, Edmonton
3. Doug Myrtle, Calgary

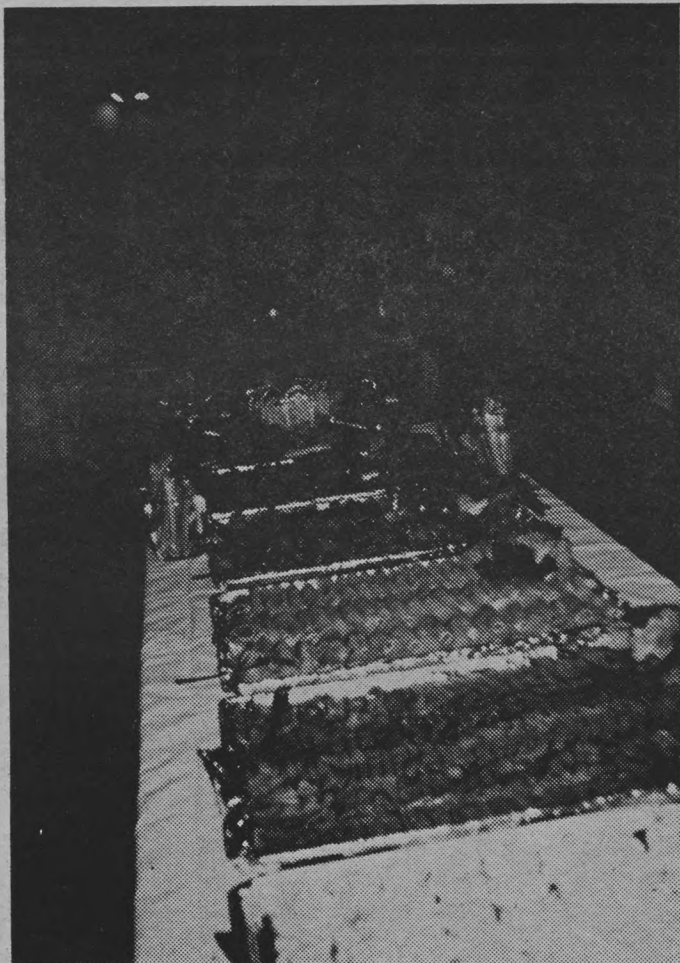
Men over 50:

1. Niclo Itkonen, Prince George
2. Laverne Sagaard, Grande Prairie
3. Clarence Iverson, Radisson
4. Trygve Soyland, Lake Tahoe

American Clubs May Participate—

Trygve Soyland, International President, was present to open the games and throw the first rock in the curling event. We feel that, with just a *little* more practice he will be entering his own rink one of these years.

At the banquet Trygve said that he would like to see the Winter Games extended to include participation by the American Clubs so that brotherhood through sports might be extended across the border; he asked



The Feast

Ed Ness to bring this matter up at future meetings.

The competition has become so fierce that it behooves any Club who hopes either to hold onto, or win, one of the trophies to start now to prepare for the next Winter Games which will be held in Grande Prairie the last weekend in February.

District 4 Representation—

District 4 Canadian Clubs

now have representation from Edmonton, Camrose, Calgary, Red Deer, Claresholm, Grande Prairie, and Radisson, Saskatchewan.

Each year the Games are rotated among the Clubs. Red Deer and Radisson, the newest additions, are presently learning how these activities are organized in order that they may host the function in the future.

4. Must be single.

The panel of judges will make its selection on—

- Personality
- Poise
- Talent
- Appearance

Should you wish to discuss this further or register as a contestant, please phone Astrid Hope at 469-4747.

Time also to think of your plans to attend the 7th annual Language Camp — to be held again at Mulhurst on Pigeon Lake August 19 - 25 this year.

Valhalla Lodge in Calgary will be in charge.

This is a family camp and is open to anyone who wishes to learn the Norwegian Language as well as customs and handicrafts.

Application forms will shortly be sent to all Alberta and Saskatchewan Lodges; anyone who is interested is encouraged to write to—

Mr. Knut Hage
4307 Greenview Dr. N.E.
Calgary, Alberta

CULTURAL CORNER

by Astrid Hope
Cultural Director
Solglyt Lodge, Sons of Norway

The Freeloaders have continued with a busy agenda—

On February 7th they were part of a Multicultural Youth Group program *Roots* at the Faculty St. Jean. Della Melsness was the vocalist and entertained the audience with Norwegian tunes.

There were approximately 15 countries participating, some of which were Korean and Chinese, Ukrainian and Romanian, and Native Indian, all in splendid costumes.

On February 24th they were honoured to play for the Installation of Officers of the new lodge in Red Deer — Aspelund No. 571. Irene Hovde sang many of the beloved Norwegian tunes, Harry Huser played a tune on his Harding fiddle, as well as participating in a novelty duet with a 90-year-old gentleman from Red Deer who played his own fiddle.

They also played for the Inter-Lodge Sports Event at Camrose from March 2 - 4 — for the Drill Team for the Friday night program, and again during the Sunday Brunch.

An unrehearsed and greatly enjoyed addition were the Norwegian songs sung by Supreme President Trygve Soyland and Supreme Director Roy Swanberg.

On March 20th they entertained at Parkland Nursing Home South (formerly Holyrood Nursing Home). On that occasion Access Radio taped the music for a later 'Cultural Interface' program to be heard on Sunday, May 6th, from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m.

in conjunction with Syttende Mai.

Northgate Shopping Centre has requested a display of Norwegian artifacts and handicrafts throughout the week of March 27 - 31 on their mall, and entertainment by the Freeloaders on Wednesday, March 28th.

It's Queen time again! Applications are open for our annual Sons of Norway contest which will be held on April 11th along with our General Meeting.

The lucky Queen will be crowned at the Syttende Mai festivities which will be held on Saturday, May 12th, at the Scandinavian Centre.

Participants are required to have the following qualifications:

1. Age 16 - 25 inclusive.
2. Daughter of a Sons of Norway member.
3. Must be Norwegian by birth or descent.

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9 Years Of Service Celebrated

by Bob Burt

The February meeting of Torske Klubben was highlighted by a review of the Club since its inception on February 3, 1970, by Sig Sorenson.

The original officers were present on this 9th Anniversary — Sig Sorenson, the instigator; Harv Haugen, the President; and Inge Anderson, the Treasurer.

The Club has had a hand in Language Camp, Junior Lodge, Cross-Country Skiing, and the Scandinavian Centre News.

March Meeting—

Like all meetings, the March 6th meeting buzzed with activity. Members, old and new, along with their guests, thoroughly enjoyed torske, akavit, stories and good humour.

The guest speaker was Mr. E.H. Bolstad of Bolstad Engineering Associates; his subject was 'Noise'.

His opening statement: "What is noise to one person's ears may be music to another." Sound varies in intensity, pitch and time pattern. The most universally accepted measure of

sound is filtered to read the best all-over compromise (lower pressure levels). However, the levels vary from minute to minute from lows recorded at 35 decibels to highs of over 100 decibels (relative sound level [dBA]).

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Mr. Bolstad said that the present noise level in discos will result in those involved being at least partially deaf in 15 years or so. Similarly, industrial noise over a 20-year period will result in a 25% chance of deafness.

However, with the persistent presentation of the danger of noise, there have been great strides in muffling industrial noise for the betterment of mankind. "If we have ears to hear to learn the danger of excess noise, we will survive and retain hearing ability; conversely, chances decrease with over-stress and continuous noise immersion."

Mr. Bolstad's presentation was greatly enjoyed. Professor Kare Hellum will be guest speaker at the April meeting.

Anna and Edward LOVE Best Dressed

A South Sea Island was transported to the Scandinavian Centre on March 17th as the colourful dance-hall came to life. Guests were welcomed with leis, flowers, punch and greetings.

One hundred people found themselves on a private little isle where atmosphere, music, colour and spirit enveloped them. The music was lively and the prizes were excellent.

A panel of judges chose the best-dressed couple, and Anna and Edward Love were presented with a large, decorative teak spoon and fork by reigning Queen, Jennifer Kristensen.

The Door Prize — Dinner for Two at the Hotel Vega — was won by Astrid Hope, Solglyt's Cultural Director.

So it was 'Love and Hope', leaving only faith and charity — and these were plentiful during the evening.

The Hawaiian Dancers were Pat McBride and Lori Venoasen. The hall was in full Hawaiian dress and the meal, as usual, was superb. The only missing ingredient was the number of people who were not present.

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00919	CALGARY/COPENHAGEN	July 18	August 2	16 days	June 18	\$559.00
00920	CALGARY/COPENHAGEN	July 18	August 16	30 days	June 18	\$559.00
00921	CALGARY/COPENHAGEN	August 16	September 6	22 days	July 16	\$529.00
EC922	EDMONTON/COPENHAGEN	June 7	July 12	36 days	May 7	\$505.00
EC923	EDMONTON/COPENHAGEN	June 7	July 26	50 days	May 7	\$505.00
EC924	EDMONTON/COPENHAGEN	June 7	August 9	64 days	May 7	\$505.00
EC925	EDMONTON/COPENHAGEN	June 21	July 12	22 days	May 21	\$525.00
EC926	EDMONTON/COPENHAGEN	June 21	July 26	36 days	May 21	\$525.00
EC927	EDMONTON/COPENHAGEN	June 21	August 9	50 days	May 21	\$525.00
EC928	EDMONTON/COPENHAGEN	July 5	July 26	22 days	June 5	\$539.00
EC929	EDMONTON/COPENHAGEN	July 5	August 9	36 days	June 5	\$539.00
CO945	CALGARY/OSLO	July 12	August 23	43 days	June 12	\$548.00
EO939	EDMONTON/OSLO	June 14	August 7	55 days	May 14	\$508.00
EO940	EDMONTON/OSLO	June 14	August 14	62 days	May 14	\$508.00
EO941	EDMONTON/OSLO	June 28	August 7	41 days	May 28	\$528.00
EO942	EDMONTON/OSLO	June 28	August 14	48 days	May 28	\$528.00
WO944	WINNIPEG/OSLO	June 14	July 5	22 days	May 14	\$442.00
WO945	WINNIPEG/OSLO	July 26	August 30	36 days	June 26	\$486.00

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Driving along the road from Copenhagen to the North of Sealand you will find these idyllic houses at the village of Humlebæk.
(Photo from the Danish Tourist Board, Toronto)

and a few more COMMENTS

Please continue publishing this Centre newspaper — don't ever stop. Everybody I'm sure won't mind paying to keep this paper rolling.

-oOo-

A newsletter serves the same purpose and can be made as attractive and interesting as the present paper, if not more so, as 'fill material' could be eliminated.

-oOo-

We feel that the admission prices at the Scandinavian Centre are exorbitant and we can't afford to take in events we would like to. Also we feel that the forming of an exclusive club within a club is very divisive.

We assume that this shareholder is referring to Club Viking, and

wish to point out that if this is the case, Club Viking was open to any shareholder or any member of the five ethnic groups at \$10.00 a year, and to people who didn't come under either category at \$20.00 a year. The main purpose of the Club was to take over the social activities for the Centre and encourage ALL shareholders to get together and get to know one another.

Any profits which were realized went to the Centre.

However, as you know, there was not enough interest to sustain it, and Club Viking is now inactive.

-oOo-

You do a good job of providing a voice for the various Scandinavian groups. The paper helps keep Scandinavians far from Edmonton (as well as those here) in touch with their culture.

We thoroughly enjoy the News — from the stories of local Scandinavian happiness, the trips of others 'home', and the most interesting articles of places and people in the Scandinavian countries. My husband's a Dane — I'm merely 'adopted' but love Denmark and my visits to Sweden and Norway.

-oOo-

I agree with Peter Andersen. Every member should donate \$2.50 or whatever the cost, like a membership fee to the Society is paid once a year. Could this not be a combined effort for each society?

-oOo-

Should write more about autobiographies of the early pioneers of Western Canada or Alberta from the subscribers to the paper of the Scandinavians if they could be encouraged to come forth with such history it would become interesting to read.



Scandinavian Kitchen Corner

THURSDAY DINNER

(SWEDISH)

Snaps
(Appetizer Spirits)

Knäckebröd
(Swedish Hardbread)

Sill
(Herring)

Ost
(Cheese)

Ärter och Fläsk
(Yellow Pea Soup with Salt Pork)

Kokt Potatis
(Boiled Potatoes)

(Boiled Potatoes)

Plättar
(Small Pancakes)

Lingonsylt
(Lingonberries)

Kaffe
(Coffee)

Öl
(Beer)

Soda Vatten
(Mineral Water)

Mustard is sometimes served with the meat.

The soup should be as thick as vegetable stew.
Serves 6.

PLÄTTAR
(Small Pancakes)

You Will Need—

1¼ cups flour
1 tsp. salt
3 eggs, beaten
1 cup very rich milk
2½ tsp. butter, melted
butter for frying

Sift flour with salt. To eggs add a little milk and the melted butter.

Carefully beat in the flour and the remaining milk. Allow batter to stand for 1 hour or more.

Stir well before baking in plattlag (pancake pan).

Each plattar should be 2" in diameter. Do not bake pancakes too brown.

Serve with spicy lingonberries.
Serves 6.

The following recipe is part of the Elaborate Swedish Dinner which was omitted in last month's paper—

ÄRTER OCH FLÄSK
(Yellow Pea Soup with Salt Pork)

The National Swedish Dish

You Will Need—

1 lb. whole, dried, yellow peas
2½ qts. water
1½ lbs. slightly salted lean pork cut in 2½" squares
1 bayleaf
3 whole peppercorns
1 root celery, diced
1 onion, quartered
6 sprigs parsley, tied

Clean and soak peas in cold water to cover overnight. Four hours before serving soup, put peas in water and cook 2 to 3 hours.

Stir peas occasionally the first half hour of cooking. The skins will rise to the top and should be removed. Repeat this several times. If split peas are used this will not be necessary; however, in Sweden whole peas are used.

After the peas have been boiling for about 2 hours, add pork meat and the spices, celery, onion and the tied parsley, and cook until all is well done.

Be careful that the meat is not too salty and do not add to soup until you are sure that it is not. If it is too salty, meat should be boiled in water to cover for five minutes and the water drained off before adding the meat to the soup.

Before serving remove parsley and dish up soup in a tureen. Serve meat on a platter.

PRESSGURKA
(Cucumber Salad)

You Will Need—

3 medium-sized cucumbers peeled and sliced paper thin
1 tbsp. salt
2 tbsp. sugar
¾ tsp. black pepper
2½ tbsp. parsley or dill, finely minced
1 tbsp. water
1 cup wine vinegar

Place cucumber slices in a bowl and sprinkle with salt; mix with your hands, turning over in the salt.

Put a smaller plate that can be pressed down into the bowl over the cucumbers and place a fairly heavy object on top of it.

Allow to stand for about 1 hour, then drain the juice from the cucumbers.

Mix a dressing of the remaining ingredients, stirring all well together. If the sugar does not seem to be sufficient, add more after mixing the whole with the cucumbers.

Allow this to stand for 15 minutes or more.

This salad is used in all Scandinavian countries and also in Central Europe. In Sweden it is used as an appetizer as well as a salad with meat, fowl and fish.
Serves 6.

Stock Pot News



by Børge Velling

A lot of people phoned in with regard to our liverpaste and we sold out the first day. I'll make a bigger portion this time, so please phone in advance and avoid the tragedy it is to be without liverpaste!

-oOo-

The person who made the following comment on the back page of the last issue is hereby invited to discuss it with me whenever possible: "The Centre charges too much — if they only charged half the price the attendance would be double and the profit would be larger."

Why not give it away and get four times as many people — look at the profit we would make! Well, I really wish real estate was handled that way; we could get a new Scandinavian Centre double the size for half the price!

It's possible to make a \$3.00 meal, but would you eat it? When a ticket costs you \$14.00 you probably think that the Centre gets it all . . . Remember that your group is paying \$500.00 for an orchestra, \$40.00 for a bar tender, \$40.00 for a ticket seller, \$50.00 for candles and flowers, \$100.00 for cakes and pastries, a certain amount for prizes, and is perhaps including a modest amount for profit.

Now take into consideration food costs, taxes, utilities, and from 100 to 180 hours staff time at an average of \$4.00 per hour. If there is 50¢ per person left in profit we are doing just fine — and the expenses don't stop here.

Please phone me for more information on food and beverage control.

-oOo-

I can hereby confirm that Agnes, the hen, is suffering from a high fever and will be producing hard-boiled eggs in the near future.

-oOo-

Bertil was very sad the day his doctor recommended that he avoid being drunk when going to bed at night. How does he manage? Well, he sleeps in a chair, of course.



Rogaland Display with Astrid Hope in costume; next to her is Mrs. Edith Johnson, mother of President Gary Johnson

DANIA DOINGS



by Lili Nielsen

It has been great to see so many of you attend our past two functions, especially our party in March to which we sold 198 tickets — for last year's March dance we sold only 28 tickets.

We would certainly like to see this trend continue in the future.

We are of the opinion that all of you who attended the March dance will agree with us that the food was great — Borge really did a marvelous job — and for this reason we have decided to have a SMORGASBORD again in April.

The Whistdrive Wind-Up Party will be held on Friday, April 20th, in the Dania Room and we hope to see all our regular players attend this function.

Information regarding this party can be obtained by calling Kirsten Lindegger after 1:00 p.m. at 487-8209.

Our April dance will be held on Saturday, the 28th, in the Viking Room at the Scandinavian Centre.

Happy Hour will be at 6:30 p.m., with supper starting at 7:00 p.m.

Music will be provided by *The Good Vibrations*, another excellent band.

Cost of tickets for this party will be \$12.00 per person for members, and \$14.00 per person for non-members.

A limited number of tickets is available and can be obtained from either Vera Nielsen at 454-5438, or Lili Nielsen at 435-5655. At the time of ordering your tickets, please indicate how many people will be in your party, as we now have table reservations for each and every one.

At this time we would like to let you know that we will not be able to keep our present ticket price for much longer because of the continuing increase in the cost of food. However, we have decided to stay with our old price for our April dance, even though we will be paying 50¢ more per person to the Centre.

For your information — we made a profit of \$4.56 at the March dance — our income came to \$3,519.65 and our expenses to \$3,515.09 — but at least we didn't take a loss!

Secret Formula

Two of the comments from shareholders in the last issue of this newspaper criticized the cost of functions put on by both the Scandinavian Centre and the ethnic groups.

As a shareholder and past Director of the Scandinavian Centre, and as a member of a group, I think some light should be shed on this matter.

We all know from personal experience that the cost of practically everything keeps increasing, and of particular concern to all of us has been the dramatic increase in the cost of our groceries.

So why is it that the two complaining shareholders seem to think that the Centre has somehow not been affected by the same higher prices for food?

The same kind of inflation means that the Centre pays ever more for utilities, property taxes, business tax, salaries, maintenance, garbage collection, snow removal, janitor's supplies, office supplies, etc., etc. Yet these two shareholders seem to think that somehow the Centre can sell food for less than it costs to buy, prepare and serve, not to mention all the other expenses necessary to just keep the building open and operating.

If either one has a secret formula which would allow our Centre to do just that without going belly-up, they didn't send it along.

And they might also remember that ethnic and/or ethnic functions usually include such things as an orchestra and bar tender, both of which must be paid. None of these functions has been priced to make money — just to break even.

And I draw their attention to the attempt by Club Viking to hold a Games Night at a cost of \$5.00 per person — two years in a row; the first time 6 people showed up . . . the second time even fewer people indicated any interest . . . and I don't think anyone would call \$5.00 exorbitant.

LIFE SAVINGS—

To the shareholder who feels that he and his wife were cheat-

ed out of their life savings — return the two shares to the Board and ask for your \$100.00 back. It is unfortunate that there must have been some kind of misunderstanding at the time you bought the shares, because I believe the majority of shareholders bought shares because they were proud to be a part of an organization whose purpose was to preserve all those wonderful Scandinavian traditions that are so easily forgotten over the generations and contribute them to our multicultural Canada.

Where the Centre and the ethnic groups have fallen down badly is that neither has ever made any effort to provide anything for all those shareholders who are not group members. It is my hope that this situation will be remedied when the new Centre is built.

WHO BUILT IT—

The statement I so often hear that 'the Centre was built by the ethnic groups' is the most selfish attitude ever taken by anyone.

No one will deny that the groups worked long and hard to organize the share-selling and construction — but it was *all* the shareholders who put their money into it who made it a reality.

Many group members feel that their associations should have all kinds of advantages at the Centre, but give no thought to the hundreds of other shareholders who are as much a part of the Scandinavian Centre.

STAND FOR ELECTION—

Every shareholder is entitled to his or her opinions, as well as

to answers to any questions.

The Board has always been willing to have anyone arrange to attend a Board meeting to make suggestions or ask questions; during my years as a Director only once did anyone make such an effort. But I can't tell you how many times I was cornered at social functions and told how wrong were the decisions made by the Board — or listened to derogatory speeches with no opportunity for rebuttal.

If you don't want to go to the Board with your complaints and get matters straightened out, then the place to air them is at a shareholders' meeting — and your best course if you are not satisfied with the answers is to offer yourself as a candidate and stand for election.

GET BEHIND YOUR BOARD—

The constant complaint at annual meetings has been that the Centre was running in the red — 1978 saw that changed and showed, although very small, a profit. So this year the complaint was that the Centre didn't make enough money!

Overnight miracles are not that easily accomplished.

It was a Board of Directors some years back which signed a catering contract that gave away the lion's share of the profits for years.

As shareholders we are fortunate to have a Board dedicated to the best interests of a continuing Scandinavian Centre. *Work with them — and let's build a new Centre for all our shareholders!*

PER NIELSEN

PREPAID IS THE WAY TO GO

We hear and read much about high ground costs and devalued dollars in Europe undermining many Canadian vacation plans for summer, but is anybody doing anything about the situation?

The Danish Tourist Board is — by advising the public of ways to overcome high ground costs and stretch the weak Canadian tourist dollars.

First and foremost, we suggest consumers purchase a prepaid vacation package from their travel agent before they go to Denmark. Choices are almost limitless offering a tour or cruise to fit all budgets, interests and tastes.

There are more than 100 different itineraries to Scandinavia this summer which are being marketed, nearly all of which include Denmark, either as a



single destination, or combined with other Scandinavian and European countries.

By purchasing a prepaid vacation package, you know in advance the basic cost of your trip and can budget accordingly for out-of-pocket expenses. Thus you are largely protected from unexpected high costs which can cut a vacation short.

For travellers who want to visit Denmark independently of prepaid tours, several tour wholesalers and SAS market fly/drive packages. With a car it's easy to see virtually the whole country — Denmark is a small kingdom.

Driving around Denmark offers visitors the opportunity of seeing the Danish countryside, rife with fairytale castles, placid lakes and smiling Danes. Out in the country we suggest travellers stop at one or many of the historic and quaint country inns that dot the land.

Most offer food and drink; many provide bed and board.

Denmark will stage some of the most entertaining festivals in Europe this summer — jazz, ballet, Vikings and Shakespeare top the celebrations this year.

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ASPELUND ANTICS

by Randi Langvand

On the evening of February 24th the Solglyt Lodge Free-loaders opened the institution of Sons of Norway Lodge No. 571.

As Master of Ceremonies for the evening, Harv Haugen from

the Camrose Drill Team as Marshalls, Brother Ness installed the Officers.

When nominations for the Lodge name were opened, *Aspelund* was declared as the name of Sons of Norway Lodge

Deer; Arne Johannessen, Royal Norwegian Consul from Edmonton; Inspector John Fream, on behalf of the R.C.M.P.; David Plumtree, Vice-President of the Red Deer Folk Festival Society; and Dennis Hougan, President of



Gary Johnson, District 4 Director, presenting the Sons of Norway flag to Aspelund President, Victor Peterson

Left to right: Victor Peterson, Gary Johnson, Harv Haugen, Roy Swanberg

Edmonton started the program with membership roll call by Ross Anderson, District Representative.

District President, Roy Swanberg, conducted the initiation of 92 members who were welcomed that night.

Betty Wulff of Red Deer headed the nominations committee for election of Officers, assisted by Ross Anderson; each nominee was duly elected.

Supreme Director, J. Edward Ness, extended his congratulations and read a welcoming telegram from Supreme President, Trygve Soyland. With the help of

No. 571.

Lynn Tokle, President of the Radisson Lodge, presented Aspelund with officers' podiums on behalf of the six other lodges in District 4.

Gary Johnson, District Director and President of Solglyt Lodge, presented Aspelund President, Victor Petersen, with a Sons of Norway flag on behalf of District 4.

We then heard speeches of welcome and congratulation from invited guests — Ed Makarenko, representative of the Chamber of Commerce; Ken McMillan, Deputy Mayor of Red

the Norwegian Club of Central Alberta.

Many thanks to all of those who helped to make our Institution a success. A special thanks to Gary Johnson for all his help, and to Ross Anderson, whom we couldn't have done it without.

Aspelund's Executive Officers—

President:
Victor Petersen
Vice-President:
Norm Langvand
Secretary:
Sandra Anderson

ed the trip east, and in particular a visit with a relative of Gudrun's in Winnipeg.

Berny Letourneau received a call from Mrs. Matiazon of the Spruce Grove Library informing her that there were some books on Iceland available. She will send us a list and we will publish them elsewhere in the paper.

Gunnar and Shirley Thorvaldson asked to send greetings to everyone.

Shirley is working as secretary to the Environmental Assessment Panel which is determining the impact of the oil pipeline on the northern environment. She is also busy helping with a stage production of the musical *Brigadoon*, and says her Scandapades experience sure comes in handy!

Dawn Lundberg has been appointed Court Reporter for the Supreme Court. Congratulations and best wishes from all of us, Dawn.

Last year we reported 'strange sights' from the Camrose area. These 'sightings' have continued

TROPHIES To Be Presented

Members of the Bowling and Curling Clubs, along with the Ski Club, of Solglyt Lodge, Sons of Norway, will meet at a supper at the Scandinavian Centre on Saturday, April 28th.

Cocktails will be from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. and will be followed by dinner.

The cost is \$12.50 per person. Trophies will be presented to the winners of all three sports.

A dance will follow the presentations, with an orchestra present to provide the music.

Tickets are available from Robin Skarbo — 478-7100.

Charter Flights to ICELAND

Viking Travel in Manitoba and Samvinn Travel of Iceland are planning back-to-back flights this summer.

The first flight arrives July 3rd from Iceland and returns three weeks later on July 24th.

The second flight arrives from Iceland on July 31st and returns August 14th.

They will be travelling with Icelandair.

For more information contact Viking Travel in Winnipeg — 338-1161.

FILM FEATURED AT THORRABLOT

by Shirley Lundberg

Leif Oddson, President of the Icelandic Society of Edmonton, opened the annual *Thorrablot* held at the Scandinavian Centre on Saturday evening, March 5th, by welcoming everyone present.

Sam Thorkelson introduced the Honourable Horst Schmid, Minister of Culture for Alberta, who brought greetings to the Icelandic Society.

He then invited everyone to sit back and relax while they viewed the first showing of a film made by his Department on the Icelandic Settlement in Alberta. Following the showing he formally presented this copy of the film to the Edmonton Icelandic Society, stating that additional copies could be made from the master film which would be kept by the Department of Culture.

The audience was delighted with the film. The quality was excellent, and those who viewed it felt a glow of pride in the

achievements of their ancestors in their new land, and gratitude to Stephan G. Stephansson, the Icelandic poet from Markerville, for his enormous contribution to their heritage.

Over 160 guests were then treated to a superb feast produced by Lucille Oddson and her co-workers, who outdid themselves with a fine array of ethnic foods, including kjaeva, mysu-oster, hangikjot, lifrarpylsa, rullapylsa, herrings, skyr, vinarterta, and kleiner.

A number of visitors from far-away places made their way to this annual event: people came from Grande Prairie, Calgary, Westlock and Markerville, and their presence added to the enjoyment of the evening.

The door prize was won by Tom Yelic of Westlock.

The most appropriate music played so enthusiastically by Berghorson's orchestra added the final touch to a truly enjoyable evening.

to be seen by none other than Thorey Greenham, who says she came across some funny footprints on the edge of the bush on the outskirts of their property. Keep us posted, Thorey!!!!

To all who have inquired about TOMBOLA — it will be held in the Dania Room on April 22nd.

Chris MacNaughton has asked us to remind members of the Icelandic Society that dues are 'due'.

His address is 13323 - 129 Street, Edmonton, Alberta, T5L 1T9.

Phone 454-2172.

Helen Halldorson is the new

Sick & Visiting Chairman — her phone number is 439-0758.

Future Dates for Coming Events:

April 22—
Tombola, at the Scandinavian Centre

September 9—
Corn Roast, Victoria Park, Area 6

November 4—
Annual Meeting, Viking Room Scandinavian Centre

December 2—
Christmas Party, Scandinavian Centre

The Markerville Picnic will be announced in the next column.

Don't forget to keep smiling—everyone will wonder what you've been up to!

ICELANDIC NEWSLETTER

by Ninna Campbell

Hi everyone!

Our 1979 Thorrablot was the best yet!

Thanks to Lucille Oddson for organizing the food, Beulah Arason for ticket sales, Della Roland for manning the joy juice table, and all the ladies who contributed special Icelandic food. It was a lot of work, but the results were well worth the effort.

Speaking of Thorrablot — an article in *News from Iceland* (English publication which accompanies *Iceland Review*) states that Thorrablot is a revival of pagan festivities mentioned in the Classical Sagas. One of the rituals which has not been attempted by modern Icelanders, though, is the one where the farmer goes outside half-dressed, wearing just a shirt and one leg of his trousers. In this attire he jumps on one foot three times around his house, chanting at the same time. Can any of our readers enlighten us on the

origin of this unusual custom?

Barney and Jean Thorlakson returned from a very wet Hawaiian holiday. They had three sunny days while on their trip — but enjoyed their stay at Kanahoe in spite of the rain.

Brinki Gudmundson's brother, Jon, was visiting with Carol and Brinki; Jon is presently living in Saskatoon.

Bruce Thorlakson enjoyed his trip to Europe. He spent three weeks in London and one week in Amsterdam. His sister, Marlene, is currently in Hawaii getting tanned (hopefully) on Waikiki beach.

Al Campbell spent the past few days holidaying in Winnipeg.

Stefan and Gudrun Briem and sons were in Manitoba at the time of the eclipse. They enjoy-

Gudbrandsdal

by Astrid Hope
Cultural Director
Sons of Norway

The territory covered by the name 'Gudbrandsdal' includes some of the highest mountains and the most fertile valleys of Norway.

It takes up a big part of central Norway, touching Glomdal on the east, Valdres on the south, Nordfjord, Sunnmøre and Romsdal on the west.

Norwegian valleys are cut off from one another, and each produced its own culture and way of life. Even though mountains make communication somewhat difficult, Gudbrandsdal has been an important passage between east and west for centuries.

The southeast — that is Romerike and Oslo — is easily reached by way of the great water route, Lagen River and Lake Mjøsa.

Roads and railroads now run the length of the valley, up to Romsdal and Trondelag, but side roads are still few. The Royal Highway runs through the Gudbrandsdal valley from south to north — the old road traversed by the pilgrims on their way to the shrine of St. Olav in Trondhjem's Nidaros Cathedral.

This valley readily received impulses from abroad; in the 18th century the peasant aristocracy lived on their farmsteads surrounded by a court of tenants, and it was here that the European acanthus decor took root more firmly than anywhere else in Norway. It was not

merely confined to ecclesiastical art — from the sanctuary of the church the tendril penetrated everything decorating anything from cupboards to linen-rollers and porringers, sledges to harness pins!

The leading wood sculptors in acanthus were the brothers Erick Kolstrup and Lars Pinne-rud, but as early as 1680 Jakob Klukstad, a farmer, carved for a number of churches in Gudbrandsdal, and succeeded in infusing a measure of lively drama into his scenes.

Around that time all churches in Gudbrandsdal received the new decoration, for this was the beginning of the Renaissance. The movement was strongest in Skjaak and Lom in northwestern Gudbrandsdal. Spires of some of the farms were occasionally ornamented by exterior carvings.

From the painting of these carved pieces, rosemaling evolved, though only a few colours were used; simple stylized roses and tulips peeked out here and there in the leafwork. Painting developed from this, and in the 19th century became a study in naturalism. By 1870, however, rosemaling had died out completely in many Norwegian districts, until it staged a comeback in Oslo with the preference being for the acanthus design on metal work (doleskurd).

Frontier Hardships—

Life in Gudbrandsdalen, as for any Norwegian farmer, has been filled with frontier hardships all through the centuries. However, affluence reached the

fertile valley through the timber trade which brought them into contact with the towns, and money circulated freely.

Houses became extravagantly decorated and the 'bonder', the well-to-do farmers, imitated the Spanish court dress in their festival dress.

There was a real aristocracy here — Baroque and rococo furniture substituted the simpler furniture formerly used in their 'stues', bedrooms, etc. Pictorial painting was popular for wall panels, chests, cupboards and doors.

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'Sprang'—

Gudbrandsdal women were very adept at the 'Sprang' process — a technique similar to braiding (woven) — a netlike lace or fringe with considerable elasticity. It is of interest that examples of 'Sprang' have also been found in Egyptian graves of 15 centuries ago — similar to the 'Sprang' still make in Gudbrandsdal today.

Largest Glassworks—

In this area Hadelands Glassverk, founded in 1762, comes to our attention. It is one of the

largest glassworks of its kind in Scandinavia, creating the highest quality of full lead crystal glassware in a great variety of forms.

The famous Hadeland Story figurines are a popular item for collectors and can even be found in our Edmonton stores.

The Forgetful Troll—

Here is one of the interesting stories of Hadelands: The Forgetful Troll. You have heard about the trolls of Norway — the strange creatures who live in the country's dark forests and waste highlands big as a mountain or small as a pebble they are there, so beware! They have a strange power of magic, and this is one of them. The forgetful type. If you have a really unpleasant thing you honestly want to forget, take this crystal troll in your hand. Look it deep in the twinkling eyes and say this magic formula three times without stumbling: *Fruflørelusenripsbuskvekster* — you will never have that thought again — ever!

Norway's Largest Lake—

Lake Mjøsa with its much loved paddle steamer *Skibladner* is Norway's largest lake. South of the Gudbrandsdal Valley, its shores are dotted with picturesque towns such as Gjøvik, 'the white town', Lillhammer famous open-air museum, Hamar with its cathedral ruins, Ringelre stave church.

Through this great dale, with its many tributaries, runs the Laagen, green with water of glaciers, now tumbling over rapids, now forming a placid lake.

Some of the venerable old farms have been in the same family for centuries. At one of them lived the yeoman farmer on whom Ibsen modelled his

immortal *Peer Gynt*.

At the extreme southern tip of Lake Mjøsa is Eidsvoll, where on May 17, 1814, the Constitution was signed and made history, dear to the heart of all Norwegians.

Costume—

At the same time as the acanthus tendril spread to the valley, covering doors and cupboards with its graceful lines, local peasant costumes adapted more and more of current urban fashion.

The female costumes carry a wealth of floral embroidery. There is the famous 'Graffer' costume from Lom. The bodice opening is fastened only part way up, the centre front exposing a V-shaped section of the white blouse below the curve of the bodice, giving the neckline a distinctive appearance.

Tatting and fringes are frequently used on the blouses and kerchiefs. A real dress-up dress may have a blue-green skirt with black border and black bodice — both embroidered with gay colours.

Other costumes favoured rather dark colours for Gudbrandsdal plaids and checks. One skirt — Ronda — combined blue, green and brown, with red the main colour. Such materials are for more ordinary use.

It is interesting that, as late as the 1930's, there were still women in 'Vaagaa' who never wore anything but their everyday costume. The kerchief was so stiff with starch that they left it untied when they removed it, and put it on again.

Practically no two skirts were alike. The 'loose' pocket hanging purse is an essential part of their festive dress. Among other things, it held a short-handled



Folk dancing, as well as modern, ballroom and ballet, is part of the festival programming in Finland for summer, 1979. The fare of ten annual festivals runs from grand opera and symphonic concerts to jazz jam sessions, from chamber music recitals to theatrical productions; even puppet shows for the youngsters. As many as 800 events entertain Finnish people and vacationing visitors. Members of a dance group (above) in native costume present a Finnish folk dance to an attentive audience at Seurasaari, an outdoor museum on a small island near Helsinki.

(Photo from the Finland National Tourist Office)



Mrs. Olga McBride
Hostess — Gudbrandsdal Display

silver spoon, for it was the custom to carry one's own eating equipment to celebrations. The back of the purse was of leather; the front might be of wool, silk or velvet, with embroideries. The curved clasp was of brass or silver, and was engraved or cast in an acanthus design.

Variations of the Gudbrandsdal costume have recently become popular in Norway, displacing to some extent the Hardanger costume as the so-

called 'national' costume. It is made up in various colours, even in pastels and white, but in these versions it loses its folk quality.

Marathon Ski Race—

In 1206, when the country was ravaged by a civil war, the two-year-old son of King Haakon Haakonson was saved from falling into enemy hands by the quick action of the fastest skiers, Torstein Skevla and Skjervald Skrukka, who carried the child

by Anja Sahuri

A surprise birthday party was held in honour of Mr. George Tekoniemi on February 24th.

Many friends gathered to wish happiness to George on his 50th birthday. The gift and flowers were presented by Mr. Rama and Mrs. Juuti.

Everyone had a good time, and coffee and cakes tasted delicious.

The annual skiing competition was held on March 4th at St. Albert.

The day was beautiful, but the skiing was getting hard towards the afternoon as the snow began to melt.

Following are the winners—

Children:

1. Ian Cumming
2. Paul Cumming
3. Maxwell Lof

as they skied across the mountains from Gudbrandsdal to Osterdal. This saga is commemorated with the great marathon ski race which now takes place from Lillehammer to Rena every winter along the same route which was used some 750 years ago by the two 'Birch Legs'.

Wealth of Customs—

One cannot help but feel that Gudbrandsdal has made vast contributions of a wealth of customs and a rich and unique lifestyle to all of Norway — and to the world. Prominent people in all fields of folk art have contributed much which has lived on through generations.

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4. Eric Thurlin
5. Marcus Moisio

Early Teens:

1. Andy Kankkunen

Late Teens:

1. Dick Sahuri

Men:

1. Heikki Laitinen
2. Pauli Vanhala
3. Matti Moisio

Ladies:

1. Mirja Tommila
2. Anneli Thurlin
3. Hilkka Pieniniemi

About 23 people took part in the competition, and more than 60 spectators gathered to watch.

This year the activities were filmed by Kurt Palka Productions; as well there were many amateur photographers present at the site.

Our deepest sympathies are extended to the family of Mrs. Elsa Heinonen, who passed away on March 6, 1979.

She leaves to mourn her loss one son, Kalevi, of Edmonton;

one daughter, Mrs. W.G. (Taina) Gray of St. Albert; two grandchildren, Kelly and Shane Gray of St. Albert; her mother, Saimi Pietarila in Finland; one brother, Onni, in Finland; three sisters, Orvokki and Liisa in Finland, and Kerttu in Sweden.

She will also be missed by relatives of her husband and many friends here in Edmonton.

The Finnish Society recently held a drawing contest for children; many thanks to all those who participated — we hope that you will all keep up the good work!

The general meeting of the Finnish Society will be held on April 10th at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. Sahuri, 16112 - 104 Avenue at 7:30 p.m. Everyone is cordially invited.

The annual Vappu Dance will be held on May 5th in the Viking Room at the Scandinavian Centre starting at 6:30 p.m. with dinner and dance to follow.

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Let's all celebrate the Vappu on May 5th

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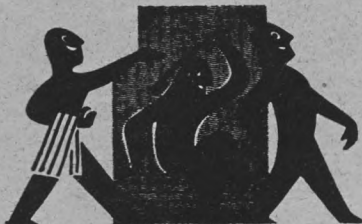
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31. maj åbnes en udstilling i Nikolaj kirke, der er åben et par måneder frem, og der er receptioner på Universitetet og Rådhuset. Som blivende erindring udgives et

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Universitetsrektor Morten Lange udtrykte lige før sin afgang, at Universitetets jubilæumsboks nr. 1 var et studenterhus, et samlingssted for de studerende, der både bor og studerer spredt i hele Storkøbenhavn.

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